(ख) क्या ये "नव शूद्र" जातियां भी बंगाल की उन जातियों का ही एक भाग है जिन्हें वहां की अनुसूचित जाति की सूची में शामिल किया गया है;

(ग) क्या ये जातियां अभी तक वे सारे लाभ नहीं उठा रही है जो अनुसूचित जातियों को दिए जा रहे हैं क्योंकि ये जातियां उत्तर प्रदेश में मूल रूप से नहीं पाई जाती थी;

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इन "नव शूद्र" जातियों को अनुसूचित जाति का दर्जा दिए जाने के लिए की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) सरकार इन जातियों को कब तक अनुसूचित जाति के दर्जा देने का विचार रखती है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) जी, हां। बंगलादेश (पहले पूर्वी पाकिस्तान) के शरणार्थियों में, जो उत्तर प्रदेश के तराई क्षेत्रों में बस गए हैं, अन्य के बीच नामसूद्र भी शामिल हैं।

(ख) और (ग) जी हां।

(घ) उत्तर प्रदेश में अनुसूचित जातियों की सूची में इन समुदायों को शामिल करने के लिए जांच की जा रही है।

(ङ) कोई विशेष समय अनुसूची नहीं बताई जा सकती है।

Circumstances forecing Children to escape from remand home in Delhi

3953. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that yet in another incident some children recently escaped from the children remand home in the city;

(b) if so, the number of children that escaped from the city's remand home during the last one year;

(c) the result of the inquiry, if any, made by Government into the circumstances forcing to children to escape from the remand home; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to improve the working conditions of the city's remand home?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scavengers' Rehabilitation Target

3944. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise scavengers rehabilitation target since the scavenging was banned in the country and the achievements in this regard;

(b) the reasons for shortfall in the target, if any, and the names of the States where rehabilitation programmes have shown unsatisfactory progress; and

(c) the measures taken by Goverbment to put an end to this unsocial practice of scavenging?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Since enactment of the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines Prohibition Act with the objective of prohibiting the construction of dry latrines on 5.6.1993, the year-wise targets and achievements of rehabilitation of scavengers are as given in statement. (*See* below).

(b) The main resons for shortfall in fulfilling target were:—

(i) Inadequate stipend for training.

(ii) Delay in the transfer of funds by the State Governments to SCDCs for undertaking training and rehabilitation.

(iii) Unviable projects taken up as part of the rehabilitation package.

(iv) The reluctance of banks to finance projects under the scheme.

(v) Lack of co-ordinated implementation by States of the low-cost sanitation scheme of the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, and the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents of the Ministry of Welfare.

Progress of rehabilitation in most of the States has been tardy.

(c) the Central Government has enacted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines Prohibition Act with the objective of prohibiting the construction of dry latrines. The urban low cost sanitation scheme is implemented for liberation

of scavengers with the objective of converting the existing dry latrines into low cost pour flush latrines and providing alternative employment to the liberated scavengers. The national Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents which is under implementation since 1991-92, provides for training and rehabilitation of Scavengers. The guidelines of this Scheme have been modified w.e.f. 1.4.1996 which, *inter alia*, include:

(i) adoption of TRYSEM norms for training,

(ii) release of Central Assistance directly to SCDCs,

(iii) higher average project cost of Rs. 50,000/- per beneficiary, and

(iv) adoption of cluster approach in the training and rehabilitation programme.

The National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation has been set up recently and is about to become operational, to finance projects proposed by person belonging to Safai Karamcharis community. Better co-ordination of the Schemes for Safai Karamcharis is also being attempted.

Statement

Details of Target and Achievement under National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependants.

YEAR	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
1993-94	107000	41165
1994-95	150000	63296
1995-96	122000	**
1996-97	100000	**

** Complete information from all the States are still awaited.

Aftercare Institutions Established in Gujarat for Neglected and Delinquent

3945. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of observation homes, juvenile homes, special homes and aftercare institutions established in Gujarat for the neglected and delinquent children with district-wise details thereof;

(b) the services rendered by each of home and institutions; and

(c) the other welfare measures being undertaken by Government for the neglected and delinquent children in Gujarat to reform them and make them good citizen?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Castes Included in the List of OBC category

3946. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some castes have been included in the list of Other Backward Classes category;

(b) if so, the names of such castes, State and Union Territory-wise as on 31st March, 1997;

(c) whether some formalities have been prescribed for people to get OBC certificates;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise as on 31st March 1997;

(e) whether some time limit for issue of such certificates on receipt of requests has been laid down; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Notification of Caste included in the Central List of OBC's in respect of twenty-five States/Union Territories have been issued in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-I-Section 1 (No. 186 Dated 13 September 1993, No. 163 Dated 20th October, 1994, No. 88 Dated: 25th May 1995, No. 60 Dated 11th March 1996 & No. 210 Dated 11th December, 1996).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The proforma for issue of OBC Certificate has been circulated to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations as at Statement (*See* below).

(e) and (f) No, Sir. Since issuance of OBC Certificate falls under the purview of the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, they are expected to issue these certificates in the shortest possible time after conducting necessary investigations.